

Background:

- **Stipends Grants Applications Approved** — TCDD Policies provide for the Executive Director to approve applications for Events Stipends and Presentation Support Stipends. Nine (9) stipend applications were approved during the quarter to the following organizations. The summaries of each are enclosed.
 1. **Family to Family** for “12th Annual Conference and Resource Fair” January 28, 2017, in Houston. (Events Stipend)
 2. **Austin Travis County Integral Care** for the “Central Texas African American Family Support Conference” February 8-9, 2017, in Austin. (Events Stipend)
 3. **Austin Travis County Integral Care** for the “Central Texas African American Family Support Conference” February 8-9, 2017, in Austin. (Speakers Stipend)
 4. **The Arc of Texas** for the “24th Annual Inclusion Works Conference” February 12-14, 2017, in Houston. (Events Stipend)
 5. **Attention Deficit Disorders Association – Southern Region** for the “29th Annual ADDA-SR Conference” February 25, 2017, in Houston. (Events Stipend)
 6. **Jewish Family Services** for the “UP Abilities: Gaming, Technology and ReelAbilities” February 9-13, 2017, in Houston. (Speakers Stipend)
 7. **Children’s Disabilities Information Coalition (CDIC)** for the “28th Annual Children’s Disabilities Symposium” March 25, 2017, in El Paso. (Events Stipend)
 8. **Coalition of Texans with Disabilities** for the “37th Annual Convention” April 5-7, 2017, in Austin. (Events Stipend)
 9. **The Arc of Texas** for the “Legislative Advocacy Training and Advocacy Day at the Capitol” April 6, 2017, in Austin. (Events Stipend)
- **Attendance Report** — A quarterly summary of attendance of Council members at meetings is also enclosed.

Important Terms:

Events Stipend Grants: Organizations may apply for up to \$7500 to pay for conference registration, hotel rooms, attendants, respite, travel expenses, etc. for self-advocates and their family members to attend conferences and other events.

Speakers Stipend Grants: Sponsoring organization of the meeting, conference, workshop, or seminar may apply for up to \$7500 per event for transportation, meals, and lodging for speakers, expenses for an attendant, respite care or other accommodations, as well as speaker fees.

Executive Committee — Agenda Item 5**Expected Action:**

The Executive Committee will review the information provided and may provide guidance to staff.

Council — Agenda Item 10. A.**Expected Action:**

The Council will receive a report on the Executive Committee discussion.

CONSUMER STIPENDS PROPOSALS

Executive Director Review

ITEM: 1

Date: 11/7/16

Organization: Family to Family (Conference)

City, State: Houston, TX

Federal: \$4,500

Match: \$750

Event: Conference: 12th Annual Conference & Resource Fair

Date: January 28, 2017

Hotel: Houston Community College-Spring Branch Campus

City, State: Houston, Texas

Previously Funded: Yes: 2016, 2015, 2014

Comments: A one day conference focusing on improving advocacy skills of family members & youth with disabilities to improve post school outcomes for youth and/or educate them about the variety of options in employment, post secondary education/training and independent living using a person centered approach.

Considerations: The conference sponsors propose to provide stipends to cover: Registration — 150 individuals = \$4,500.00

Total cost (federal): = \$4,500.00

Applicant match covers: conference materials:

Conference materials — 150 (150@ \$2/individual) = \$ 300.00

Printing and Reproduction of Conference materials (150 @ \$3/individual) = \$ 450.00

Total cost (match): = \$750.00

Recommendation: Staff recommends funding. Proposal received 90 days prior to event.

Approved: ☒ yes ☐ no Beth Stalvey

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Comments:

CONSUMER STIPENDS PROPOSALS

Executive Director Review

ITEM: 2

Date: 11/14/16

Organization: Austin Travis County Integral Care

City, State: Austin, TX

Federal: \$7,494

Match: \$7,494

Event: Conference: Central Texas African American Family Support Conference

Date: February 8-9, 2017

Hotel: Palmer Event Center

City, State: Austin, Texas

Previously Funded: Yes: 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013

Comments: The conference provides information and educational opportunities to consumers, families and the community about mental health, developmental and intellectual disabilities, chemical dependence, co-occurring disorders, and physical health issues.

Considerations: The conference sponsors propose to provide stipends to cover:

Registration: 40 individuals (40 @ \$10.00/individual) = \$400.00

Lodging: 13 individuals (13 @ \$158/night for 1 day) = \$2,054.00

Meals: 40 individuals (40 @ \$55.00/day for 2 days) = \$4,400.00

Parking: 40 individuals (40 @ \$8.00/day for 2 days) = \$ 640.00

Total cost (federal): = \$7,494.00

Applicant match covers: lodging and travel:

Registration: 40 individuals (40 @ \$10.00/individual) = \$ 400.00

Meals: 40 individuals (40 @ \$55.00/day for 2 days) = \$4,400.00

Lodging: 13 individuals (13 @ \$158/night for 1 day) = \$2,054.00

Parking: 40 individuals (40 @ \$8.00/day for 2 days) = \$ 640.00

Total cost (match): = \$7,494.00

Recommendation: Staff recommends funding. Proposal received 90 days prior to event.

Approved: ☒ yes ☐ no Beth Stalvey

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CONSUMER STIPENDS PROPOSALS

Executive Director Review

ITEM: 3

Date: 11/9/16

Organization: Austin Travis County Integral Care

City, State: Austin, TX

Federal: \$5,000

Match: \$5,000

Event: Conference: Central Texas African American Family Support Conference

Date: February 8-9, 2017

Hotel: Palmer Convention Center

City, State: Austin, Texas

Previously Funded: Yes: 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013

Comments: The conference provides information and educational opportunities to consumers, families and the community about mental health, developmental and intellectual disabilities, chemical dependence, co-occurring disorders, and physical health issues.

Considerations: The conference sponsors propose to provide stipends to cover:

Speaker: 1 individual (1 @ \$5,000, \$4,000 Speaker's Fee & \$1,000 travel, meals & lodging) = \$5,000.00

Total cost (federal): = \$5,000.00

Applicant match covers: additional speaker fees, travel and lodging expenses for additional speakers: Speaker: 1 individual = \$5,000.00

Total cost (match): = \$5,000.00

Recommendation: Staff recommends funding. Proposal received 90 days prior to event.

Approved: ☒ yes ☐ no Beth Stalvey

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CONSUMER STIPENDS PROPOSALS

Executive Director Review

ITEM: 4

Date: 11/14/16

Organization: Organization: The Arc of Texas

City, State: Austin, TX

Federal: \$6,750

Match: \$3,150

Event: Conference: The Arc of Texas 24st Annual Inclusion Works Conference

Date: February 12-14, 2017

Hotel: Royal Sonesta Hotel

City, State: Houston, Texas

Previously Funded: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

Comments: The Inclusion Works! Conference provides learning opportunities for individuals, parents, educators and school administrators to improve skills in collaborating to educate students with intellectual and developmental disabilities and provides access to information, training and support for individuals and families in advocating and collaborating in the community Conference participants also receive information on research based best practices so that students may meet their education, employment and independence goals.

Considerations: The conference sponsors propose to provide stipends to cover:

Lodging: 45 individuals (45 @ \$150.00/individual for 1 nights) = \$6,750.0

Total cost (federal): = \$6,750.00

Applicant match covers: registration expenses:

Registration: 30 individuals (30 @ \$105.00/individual) = \$3,150.00

Total cost (match): = \$3,150.00

Recommendation: Staff recommends funding. Proposal received 90 days prior to the event.

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CONSUMER STIPENDS PROPOSALS

Executive Director Review

ITEM: 5

Date: 11/22/16

Organization: Attention Deficit Disorders Association-Southern Region

City, State: Houston, TX

Federal: \$5,970

Match: \$1,172

Event: Conference: 29th Annual ADDA-SR Conference

Date: February 25, 2017

Hotel: Briarwood School

City, State: Houston, Texas

Previously Funded: Yes: 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999, 1996, 1995

Comments: This conference is designed for those with ADHD, family members and those who impact the lives of these children and adults. Those with this and related disabilities will learn life skills, consumer empowerment and community integration skills to improve their quality of life.

Considerations: The conference sponsors propose to provide stipends to cover:

Registration: 42 individuals (42 @ \$125.00/individual/day for 1 day) = \$ 5,250.00

Lodging: 20 individuals (20 @ \$74.00/night + \$12 tax double occupancy) = \$ 1,720.00

Total cost (federal): = \$6,970.00

Applicant match covers: registration fees:

Registration: 8 individuals (8 @ \$125.00/individual/day for 1 day) = \$ 1,000.00

Lodging: 2 individual (2 @ \$74.00/night + \$12 tax) = \$ 172.00

Total cost (match): = \$1,172.00

Recommendation: Staff recommends funding. Proposal received 90 days prior to the event.

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CONSUMER STIPENDS PROPOSALS

Executive Director Review

ITEM: 6

Date: 11/28/16

Organization: Jewish Family Service

City, State: Houston, TX

Federal: \$7,500

Match: \$833

Event: Conference: UP Abilities: Gaming, Technology and ReelAbilities

Date: February 9-13, 2017

Location: February 9-13, 2017

City, State: Houston, Texas

Previously Funded: Yes: 2014, 2013

Comments: UP Abilities is the kick off event to ReelAbilities Houston Film and Arts Festival 2017. Jane McGonigal, as a world-renowned game designer, in particular, speaks to the potential of gaming technologies to help level the playing field for people with disabilities.

Considerations: The conference sponsors propose to provide stipends to cover: speaker fees, travel, meals and lodging:

Speaker Fee: 1 individual (1 @ \$7,000.00) = \$7,000.00

Speaker Travel, Meals & Lodging: 1 individual (1 @ \$500.00) = \$ 500.00

Total cost (federal): = \$7,500.00

Applicant match covers: speaker fees:

Speaker: 1 individual (1 @ \$833.00) = \$ 833.00

Total cost (match): = \$833.00

Recommendation: Staff recommends funding. Proposal received 90 days prior to the event.

Approved: ☒ yes ☐ no Beth Stalvey

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Comments:

CONSUMER STIPENDS PROPOSALS

Executive Director Review

ITEM: 7

Date: 12/20/16

Organization: Children's Disabilities Information Coalition (CDIC)

City, State: El Paso, TX

Federal: \$7,500

Match: \$7,553

Event: Conference: 28th Annual Children's Disabilities Symposium

Date: March 25, 2017

Hotel: ESC-Region 19 Head Start

City, State: El Paso, Texas

Previously Funded: Yes: 2016, 2015

Comments: The Symposium is an annual, daylong event where families, professionals, and experts in the various fields of interest discuss the latest information concerning children with disabilities in El Paso and the surrounding areas through various workshop presentations.

Considerations: The conference sponsors propose to provide stipends to cover:

Registration: 300 individuals (300 @ \$15.00/individual/day for 1 day) = \$4,500.00

Meals: 462 individuals (462 @ 6.50/box lunch) = \$3,000.00

Total cost (federal): = \$7,500.00

Applicant match covers: rental, speaker fees:

Rental Fee for Symposium Space (\$5,500 for 1 day) = \$5,500.00

Keynote Speaker Fee: 1 individual (1 @ \$500.00 for 1 day) = \$ 500.00

Presenters: 23 sessions (23 x 1.50 hours = 34.5 hours @ \$45.00 per hour) = \$1,553.00

Total cost (match): = \$7,553.00

Recommendation:

Approved: ☒ yes ☐ no Beth Stalvey

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CONSUMER STIPENDS PROPOSALS

Executive Director Review

ITEM: 8

Date: 1/11/17

Organization: The Arc of Texas

City, State: Austin, TX

Federal: \$3,750

Match: \$450

Event: Conference: Legislative Advocacy Training and Advocacy Day at the Capitol

Date: April 6, 2017

Hotel:

City, State: Austin, Texas

Previously Funded: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

Comments: The Arc of Texas, along with the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities, is hosting a legislative advocacy training and advocacy day at the Capitol in Austin to advocate for community-based services, better employment outcomes and higher attendant wages.

Considerations: The conference sponsors propose to provide stipends to cover:

Travel: 50 individuals (50 @ \$75.00/individual) = \$3,750.00

Total cost (federal): = \$3,750.00

Applicant match covers: registration expenses:

Registration: 50 individuals (50 @ \$9.00/individual) = \$ 450.00

Total cost (match): = \$450.00

Recommendation: Staff recommends funding. Proposal received 90 days prior to the event.

Approved: ☒ yes ☐ no Beth Stalvey

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Comments: Co-Sponsoring with CTD and previously approved stipend for February conference

CONSUMER STIPENDS PROPOSALS

Executive Director Review

ITEM: 9

Date: 1/11/17

Organization: Coalition of Texans with Disabilities

City, State: Austin, Texas

Federal: \$5,591

Match: \$650

Event: Conference: 37th Annual Convention

Date: April 5-7, 2017

Hotel: Hyatt Regency Austin & the Texas State Capitol

City, State: Austin, Texas

Previously Funded: Yes: 2015, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001

Comments: The 38th Annual Convention of the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities (CTD) will be held in Austin, Texas on April 5-7, 2017. This event provides an opportunity to focus our energy and effort in advocating for an increase in personal attendant wages to \$13.00 per hour, increase awareness of the cost effectiveness of community based services and the need to right size the costly outdated State Supported Living Centers. Self-advocates from all over the state will provide lived experience to educate legislators on the need for (and the importance of) personal attendants to address the current crisis in community care.

Considerations: The conference sponsors propose to provide stipends to cover:

Registration: 30 individuals (30 @ \$50.00/individual) = \$1,500.00

Lodging: 11 rooms (11 rooms @ \$141.00+19%) for 2 nights, double Occupancy) = \$3,691.00

Travel: 8 individuals (8 @ \$50.00/individual) = \$400.00

Total cost (federal): = \$5,591.00

Applicant match covers:

Personal Attendant Services: 50 hours (50 hours @ \$13.00/hr) = \$650.00

Total cost (match): = \$650.00

Recommendation: Staff recommends funding. Proposal received 90 days prior to the event.

Approved: ☒ yes ☐ no **Beth Stalvey**

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Comments: Co-Sponsoring with the Arc of TX

TCDD Quarterly Council Meeting Council Member Attendance Report February 2016 to February 2015

Council Member	November 2016	August 2016	May 2016	February 2016	November 2015	August 2015	May 2015	February 2015
H. Adkins	Present	Present	Excused Absence	Present	Present	Excused Absence	Present	Present
K. Blackmon	Present	Present	Excused Absence	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
K. Clark	Excused Absence	Excused Absence	Present Thursday Excused Absence Friday	Excused Absence	Present Thursday Excused Absence Friday	Excused Absence	Present	Present
G. Cortez	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
K. Cox	Excused Absence	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
M. Delgado	Excused Absence	Present	Present	Present	Excused Absence	Present	Excused Absence	Present
M. Durham	Present	Present	Excused Absence	Excused Absence Thursday Present Friday	Present	Present	Present	Present
S. Gersuk	Excused Absence	Present	Present	Present	Excused Absence	Excused Absence	Present	Present
R. Mason	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
S. McAvoy	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present Thursday Excused Absence Friday	Present	Excused Absence

Council Member	November 2016	August 2016	May 2016	February 2016	November 2015	August 2015	May 2015	February 2015
M. Peace	Present	Present	Present Thursday Excused Absence Friday	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
D. Perry	Present	Excused Absence	Excused Absence	Present	Excused Absence	Excused Absence	Excused Absence	Present
B. Pharris	Excused Absence	Excused Absence	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
D. Taylor	Present	Present	Present Thursday Excused Absence Friday	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
L. Taylor	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
J. Thomas	Present	Present	Excused Absence	Present	Present	Present	Excused Absence	Excused Absence
R. Tisch	Present	Present	Present Thursday Excused Absence Friday	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
DRT (AI)	Present Excused Absence	Present	Present	Present	Present	Excused Absence	Present	Present
UT CDS	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Excused Absence Thursday Present Friday

Council Member	November 2016	August 2016	May 2016	February 2016	November 2015	August 2015	May 2015	February 2015
A&M CDD	Present	Present	Present	Present	Excused Absence	Present	Present	Present
DADS	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
DARS	Present	Present	Present	Present Thursday Excused Absence Friday	Present	Present	Present	Present
DSHS	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
HHSC	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present Thursday Excused Absence Friday	Present	Present	Present
TEA	Present	Present	Present	Present	Excused Absence	Present	Present	Excused Absence Thursday Present Friday